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REMARKABLE TWINS.

TWO WOMEN SO NEAR ALIKE AS TO DECEIVE THEIR HUSBANDS.

Mrs. Coombs and Mrs. Turner, of Nevada, had two daughters who were so alike in their features that their husbands were deceived by their resemblance.

Similarity in facial appearance has often resulted in mistaken identity with the subjects of this sketch. Mrs. Levi T. Coombs and Mrs. Joseph Turner.

These remarkable women are twins. Their maiden names were Frances Arretie and Florella Arretie.

It will be observed that their initials were the same, the middle name being bestowed on the promise of a pair identical for each.

The first twin was the daughter of Dr. Simon Fox, a Maine physician of the old school and a Mason of high degree.

They were born in Belfast, Me., Nov. 22, 1850. Frances was the first to be born in this world half an hour before her sister.

At Paris Hill they went to school with the late Hannah Adams, now vice president of the United States.

Frances married the late Levi T. Coombs, who held the position of deputy sheriff of Antelopeville, Mo., in the town of Lincoln, Mo., for several years.

Florella married Joseph Turner, now dead, who also lived in the town of Lincoln. Both have been school teachers and competent musicians.

Their mother died when they were 25 years of age.

It is difficult to distinguish one from the other, and the photographer who took their picture perceived that Florella had just been in the room when, in fact, it was her sister who had been there.

Frances has given birth to six children, all of whom are dead but two—Walter Coombs, of this city, and Simon Coombs, now mail agent on the Maine Central railroad.

Mrs. John Staples, of Charleston, and Charles E. Turner, of Lawrence, are the only living children of Florella, who had three in all.

The height of the twins is exactly the same, and twelve years ago they weighed just 100 pounds apiece.

Occasionally, when one would fall away in weight the other would do the same. Their aggregate weight as present is 350 pounds.

Their duplicate sisters think alike, act alike and have never adopted different characteristics of dress to avoid mistaken identity.

Often one has worn the other's shoes, and vice versa, and money came from one pocketbook, and it did not matter which one carried it.

"Mistaken identity was almost a daily occurrence with us," says younger sister, "my father always called us girls," and neither of us ever addressed the other by our proper names. We called each other sister instead.

"The reason why father never addressed us by our given names was due to the fact that he was always uncertain which was which."

"After we were married people addressed me by my sister's name so often that I believe I got just my self-mistake, and for the life of our self whether my name was Turner or Coombs."

"We took our first ride on a railway train at eighteen months of age. We were both in the same car. At that time we were living in Lebanon and drove down from there in a coach to Portland. When we alighted at the depot, the driver closely resembled the one in Portland, and I stuck to it that it was with us."

"One time in church Judge Chamberlain was sitting in my sister's seat. My seat was just ahead of him. When I came in he mistook me for my sister, and politely rose and stepped into the aisle to let me into my sister's seat."

"My husband often took my sister for myself. To illustrate how easily he was fooled, I will recall the time when I dropped into my husband's store to pay him a call. Judge Chamberlain sat there, and I knew him well, but my sister didn't."

"As I entered lately my husband said, 'Come in, Mrs. Turner, and be seated.' I kept a straight face so long as I could until he had introduced me to the judge, when a smile on my face let the cat out of the bag and then my husband discovered that he had introduced his wife instead of Mrs. Turner."

"When we lived in Missouri we studied French under Pansy Jones. One day I had a perfect lesson and sister did not know her's. We studied around, and the parson mistook her for sister and I recited the lesson for her and no one was the wiser."

"We used to attend parties in my younger days, and on one occasion, when the fellows came in after the girls started off with sister's fellow and got quite a piece with him before I told him he was mistaken and had better go back after his girl."

"Once at a dance Mr. Coombs was going home from the store. He saw my sister on the other side of the street and thought it was I. Florella had a lamp under her arm which he mistook for a baby. My husband thought it strange that I was not at that time with my baby, and said to a clerk that he loved Frances was crazy and going to drown that baby."

"I used to fool my children sometimes after they had got to be quite large. Whenever I wanted to get away my sister would come over to my house, put on one of my dresses and stay with the children till I got back, and they would not know the difference."—Springfield, Ky. Boston Globe.

Knowledge is power, and the more we learn about our microscopic enemies in the air, the better prepared we are to resist their assaults.

Deserters Spotted the Judge's Blotter.

Two crowing magpies destroyed the effect of Judge Chamberlain's charge to the jury in the reporter's copy. Friday morning, and administered justice to the extent of spectators. The case was one of arson, and the charge of the judge proceeded in this way:

"You have heard the reporter—I mean the defendant—tell where he was on the night of the fire?—'Cook's double-doo'."

The spectators were by this time unable to restrain their laughter, and the judge looked appealingly toward the reporter, who, of course, had no doubt but that he had not entirely drawn the sound of the lawyer's head, as every one could see the fact of a 'cock's double-doo'—witness, and the arguments of the prosecutor for the people—'Cook's double-doo'—and the attorney for the defendant.

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